REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 15-16, 19, 21, 24-27 and 47 are pending. Claims 14,17,18,20,22,23,28-46, 48-109 are withdrawn.

In the above-noted Office Action, the Examiner found the application contained many distinct species.

Based upon claim language, Applicants hereby elect claims 1 and 47.

Based upon Figures, Applicants hereby elect the following:

Implant: Species A embodied in Figure 1

Locking Mechanism: Species B embodied in Figure 3.

Adjustment Mechanism: Species A embodied in Figure 14

Sensor: Species D (Optical)

Applicants believe that claims 1-13, 15-16, 19, 21, 24-27 and 47 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

In addition, please provide any additional extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 10-0750, but do not include any payment of issue fees.

Should there be any remaining or further questions, the Examiner is requested to place contact the undersigned directly.

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